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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/016,403  
"Modification of Polypeptide Drugs to Increase Electrotransport Flux"  
Inventor: Leslie A. Holladay

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Dear Examiner Li:

This letter is in follow-up to a conversation that I had with Examiner George Kunz regarding the above application and an Office Action dated August 16, 2002. This is now the third piece of correspondence (filing receipt, notice of publication and office action) that we have received from the USPTO for this case.

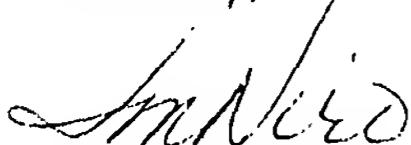
After conducting a search of the publication information on your website, this case is assigned to the Alza Corporation in Mountain View, CA and the correspondence address is listed as Michael Best & Friedrich LLP of Madison, Wisconsin.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Publication that was forwarded to Michael Best & Friedrich on August 19, 2002 and the original office action. The Filing Receipt was previously returned to the USPTO. Since Boston Scientific has no record of this application or inventor and the case is not ours, please contact the attorney of record for a correction to the mailing address and/or customer number.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 508-650-8573.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter and I trust that this problem will be corrected so that the inventor does not lose any patent protection on his/her invention.

Sincerely,



Jessica M. Niro  
Sr. Patent Paralegal

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --  
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 February 2002.

2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

4) Claim(s) 1-18 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) 1-18 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Disposition of Claims**

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

11) The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.

If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.

12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

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**Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120**

13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some \* c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).

a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.

15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

**Attachment(s)**

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